


Department of Early Learning

Policy Title:	10.1.9 Child Care Certification Policy		
Procedure:	Attached		
References:	RCW 43.215.010; WAC 170-295-0020; WAC 170-296-0110; WAC 170-292-0085		
Applies To:	Licensing Staff	Contact:	Provider Partnership Division
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DEL is responsible for licensing activities to ensure that standards of health and safety are present in child care facilities in accordance with WA state regulations. The term “child care facility” is used to indicate family child care homes, child care centers and school-age programs.

Purpose

Clarify and standardize the agency process for certification of a facility that is legally exempt from licensing in accordance with WA state regulations. Expectations of DEL personnel are clarified in the attached Child Care Certification Procedure.

Policy

- I. DEL will not license child care facilities that are legally exempt from licensing per; Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 43.215.010.
- II. If requested, DEL may certify a child care facility for payment only, without further inspection, if the facility is:
 - a. Located within the boundaries of a federally recognized Indian reservation and licensed or certified by an Indian Tribe.
 - b. Licensed or Certified by the Federal Department of Defense.
 - c. Approved by the Superintendent of the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), when available.
- III. If requested by the entity, the following may be certified by DEL as meeting minimum licensing requirements (MLR), if the facility is:
 - a. Located within the boundaries of a federally recognized Indian reservation and licensed or certified by an Indian Tribe.
 - b. Licensed or Certified by the Federal Department of Defense.
 - c. Approved by the Superintendent of OSPI, when available.
- IV. All facilities listed in the above sections must be licensed, certified, or approved in accordance with national or state standards, or standards approved by DEL. It must be operated on the premises where the entity operating the facility has jurisdiction.

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V. Child care facilities that are certified by DEL for payment only may participate in the following child care subsidy programs:

- a. Working Connection Child Care (WCCC)
- b. Seasonal Child Care
- c. Children's Administration Child Care Programs

Attachments

Child Care Certification Procedure

School Based and Military Certification for Payment Only Request Form

Tribal Certification Request Letter Template

Tribal Certification Letter Template to Tribes